

TEXAS.

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF MISSOURI,

IN FAVOR OF

*The reannexation of Texas.*

JANUARY 24, 1845.

Read, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

*Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri:*

SECTION 1. That, in the opinion of this General Assembly, the reannexation of Texas to the United States is a great national measure, demanded by a large majority of the people of this State; and that the safety and interests of both governments require and demand it at the earliest practicable period.

SECTION 2. That the republic of Texas is a free and independent state, and that she acquired her independence and her territory in a manner which left no stain upon the honor of her people.

SECTION 3. That Texas has given to the world ample and sufficient evidence of her disposition and ability to maintain her independence, and the exalted station she has assumed among the nations of the earth.

SECTION 4. That the government of Texas has the indisputable right to transfer, and the government of the United States the right to accept, the territory of Texas, without the consent of, and without giving any just cause of offence to, any other power: *Provided, however,* That the boundary line between the annexed territory and Mexico is left open to future negotiation between the United States and Mexico.

SECTION 5. That, in the opinion of this General Assembly, a great majority of the people of this State prefer that Texas should be annexed to the United States without dividing her territory into slaveholding and non-slaveholding States: but leaving that question to be settled by the people who now, or may hereafter, occupy the territory that may be annexed.

SECTION 6. That the people of Missouri regard the annexation of Texas to the United States so essential to the interests of this State, and of the whole United States, that, rather than fail in the consummation of this object, if it cannot be effected in accordance with the principles set forth in the above resolutions, they would consent to such reasonable and just compromises, approximating as near as possible to those principles as may be

indispensably necessary to secure the accomplishment of the measure, and preserve the peace and harmony of the Union.

SECTION 7. That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our members in the House of Representatives be requested, to use their best exertions in behalf of the annexation of Texas to the United States, in conformity with the wishes of the people of Missouri, as expressed in the above resolutions.

SECTION 8. That the secretary of state is hereby required to forward to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress a copy of these resolutions.

C. F. JACKSON,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

JAMES YOUNG,

*President of the Senate.*

Approved, January 3, 1845.

JOHN C. EDWARDS.

A true copy.—Attest:

JAS. L. MINOR,

*Secretary of State.*